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Foreign Minister Erkin told me yesterday he had just received
Yugoslav Ambassador who asked Turkey to join in a move sponsored
by Tito to call special meeting of UNGA in order to adopt reso-
lution which would express anxiety re Cuban crisis; make appeal
to US and USSR to negotiate; request suppression all aggravating
activities; ask all peace-loving nations to refrain from doing
anything to increase tensions.

Observing that some of points seemed unobjectionable, Erkin
asked if I had any comments. I replied that, speaking per-
sonally, I should be inclined take hard look at any proposal
emanating from Tito who as leader of neutralists would probably
be making bid for support from other neutralists with whom
Turkey might find itself in stange company. Also, although
points mentioned might sound platitudinous, experience has
usually shown that resolutions of such neutralist origin have
effect of exerting greater limitation on US than on USSR,
i.e., they are really slanted under assertion of impartiality.

I also mentioned fact that discussions now under way under
auspices of Secretary General of UN, and suggested that, since
Yugoslavs talking of UN action, best locus for exchanging
views might be in New York. Erkin indicated agreement saying
Turkish delegation in New York instructed work in closest
collaboration with USUN.

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